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SIX students will have their creative work immortalised in six MRT underground stations after emerging as top winners of the MRT Project Bench Design Competition. See full story on Page 3.



### DOUBLE WINNER:

UiTM Seri Iskandar graduate Siti Nur Hajar Kamsani showing off her two bench designs, one being the Grand Prize Winner with another being a finalist entry.

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from the desk of the CEO

**DATO' SRI SHAHRIL MOKHTAR**

# BUSY START TO THE YEAR

**WELCOME** to this edition of MRT News.

The first quarter of 2016 has come and gone very quickly. I am happy to inform you that during that short time, a lot has taken place for the Klang Valley MRT Project.

We now have less than a year to get Phase One of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line - between the Sungai Buloh Station and Semantan Station - operational. All hands are now on deck to ensure that this will take place.

The structures for all 12 stations under Phase One are complete. Work is now focussed on the construction of entrances, link bridges, the lay-bys for feeder buses, taxis and private vehicles wishing to drop passengers off at the station. Work is also progressing for the multi-storey park and ride buildings.

A lot of the work to get the line ready for operations however takes place without the public noticing. One good example is the testing that is on-going for all our mechanical and electrical systems.

You may have been able to catch a glimpse of our trains being tested along our guideway but unless you are a staff of MRT Corp or one of our contractors, you will not get to see the bulk of the work that is now taking place.

The back page story for this edition of *MRT News* on the Sungai Buloh and Kajang Depots, with a picture of the Operations Control Centre where all trains of the SBK Line will be controlled, gives you an idea of how much is taking place behind the scenes.

Work is also proceeding to get Phase Two of the SBK Line ready for operations in July next year which includes the underground and southern elevated sections of the line. Track laying and other system works as well as fitting in building services for the stations, such as escalators, air conditioning, lighting and others, are being carried out.

This brings me to the cover story for this edition of *MRT News*. Instead of taking the easy way out by just

deciding on a bench design and ordering it from a supplier, MRT Corp and our Underground Works Contractor, MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd had decided to turn this into an opportunity to involve the community. Hence, the MRT Project Bench Design Competition.

We went to colleges and universities asking for their students to design benches for us and we received over 100 designs. The designs were very creative and impressive, certainly good enough for them to be adopted for our underground stations.

I think this is the first time students have played a part in the development of a megaproject and it makes me very proud that it was the MRT Project that gave them this opportunity.

The hectic start to the year has not only been for the SBK Line. A lot has also been going on for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line.

Following the final approval for the SSP Line last year, we had started the procurement process and in March this year, we awarded the first of the major contracts. Besides two viaduct work packages, we also awarded the Underground Works Package, the largest single work package for the construction of the SSP Line.

With these awards, with many more to follow, construction of the SSP Line would be able to commence.

The year 2016 looks set to be a busy year. We at MRT Corp are certainly looking forward to a year that is going to be filled with a lot of hardwork and excitement.

Thank you.

*Shahril*



## DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

**IN** Japan, trains are so punctual that any delay over five minutes usually incurs an apology and a "delay certificate" for passengers on their way to work. When trains are delayed for an hour or more, it may even make the news.



Picture courtesy of Matt Maness (Flickr)



# STUDENT DESIGNS FOR UNDERGROUND STATION BENCHES

By Ean Yaacob & Leong Shen-li



**THE WINNERS:** A group photo of the 6 top winners with MRT Corp Project Director for the SBK Line Karakashian (fourth from left) and MGKT Director Maslan (fifth from left). The winners are (from left) Ms Lee Ling, Cik Siti Nur Hajar Kamsani, Mr Chia Sen Chung, Encik Saiful Aqbar Zakaria (representative for Mr Chan Lee Kang), Encik Mohd Saiful Anuar Zamri and Mr Chong Chin Sheng.

It is not often that normal people on the street, and even more so for students, to be able to play a part in the development of a national megaproject.

It was therefore a great experience for six students who will have their designs for the humble bench immortalised in six underground stations of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line.

The six designs were the winners of the MRT Project Bench Design Competition which was jointly organised by Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) and MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd (MGKT), the Underground Works Package Contractor for MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line.

The main objective of this competition was to encourage student participation for the design of benches for the platforms in the underground

stations. By tapping into a pool of young creative talents, it was hoped that MRT Corp would get designs that were aesthetically nice, original and innovative.

And the organisers of the competition were certainly not disappointed.

A total of 133 designs from the 19 colleges and universities, both public and private, were submitted in July 2015, after a call for submissions earlier in April. The submissions were from students from the design or architecture schools in these institutes of higher learning.

The designs were assessed for the first round by the MGKT Architecture Team, who picked 63 designs. The second round of judging saw 14 judges comprising industry experts and the Senior Management of MRT Corp and MGKT selecting 21 designs as finalists.

To become winners, these 21 designs then had to battle it out through public voting which took place from 9 to 31 January 2016.

An exhibition of these designs, complete with models of the benches accompanied by story boards explaining the inspiration behind their design concepts, was held at Nu Sentral Mall, Kuala Lumpur. A microsite was developed specifically for this purpose and all voting was done online.

A combination of public votes and judging by the same panel of experts then picked the six winning designs. There was supposed to have been a seventh winning design but the judges determined that the three final designs submitted for the Bukit Bintang MRT Station were not able to satisfy the criteria of being a winning design.

The six winners of the competition were announced at a prize giving ceremony on 26 February 2016 at the KVMRT Training Centre in Sungai Buloh. The six winners earned RM7,000.00 and a certificate while the 15 finalists took home RM3,500.00 and a certificate each.

The prizes were presented by MRT Corp Project Director for the SBK Line Mr Marcus Karakashian, together with MGKT Director Encik Maslan Othman.

In his speech, Karakashian said the MRT Project was looking for winning entries that combine uniqueness with good, purposeful designs for the underground station benches.

"We are pleased to have found the right designs for the stations," he said.

He added that while the submissions were very creative, incorporating state-of-the art architecture, many of them lost marks on the functionality aspect.

"The winning designs will need to be adapted for production with engineering components added to make the benches safe and tough for heavy use while being functional," he added.

Meanwhile, Maslan said it was decided that a competition like this would provide the motivation for talents to come up with designs and it was all about doing things with a difference.

"Just imagine the pride each winner or the winning group will carry each time they visit the station where their entry sits in the form of benches, serving the public," he said.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** MRT Corp Project Director for the SBK Line Karakashian, sharing a few words.



**ENTRIES:** The designs by the 15 finalists were also showcased during the ceremony.



**PEOPLE'S SAY:** The MRT Project Bench Design Competition exhibition which showcased models of the 21 final designs for public viewing and voting.



**STRONG:** A visitor checking out the sturdiness of the design while visiting the MRT Project Bench Design Competition exhibition.

## THE WINNING DESIGNS

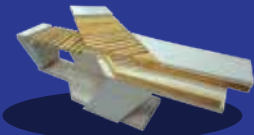
### COCHRANE STATION



Siti Nur Hajar Kamsani  
UiTM Seri Iskandar

With the aim to create an optical illusion, the unique Tri-Bench will seem as if it is floating with the polished stainless steel mirroring the floor and the seat is painted with a vibrant colour that suits the station's theme, which is "Urban Living".

### PASAR SENI



Chan Lee Kang  
Universiti Sains Malaysia

The Confluence/Con-flux design was an effort to restore the history of Pasar Seni. This simple bench with a modern look includes a replica of timber planks with the steel frame of the old railways, symbolising the development of train services in Malaysia.

### MUZIUM NEGARA



Mohd Saiful Anuar Zamri  
Politeknik Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah

With the theme of the station being "Transition", the quartz-inspired design depicts the development of the city's mode of public transportation from the early days of independence to the current times.

### TUN RAZAK EXCHANGE



Lee Ling  
Erican College

Inspired by Islamic architecture, the MOIS bench was designed to fit the Tun Razak Exchange Station's theme of "Islamic Corporate". This modern Islamic design features partitions and arches that fits in the future station's location in the heart of Kuala Lumpur's new financial centre.

### MERDEKA



Chong Chin Sheng  
Erican College

To showcase the spirit of independence which was the theme for Merdeka Station, the Honour 14 bench - the name was inspired by the Jalur Gemilang's fourteen stripes - is painted yellow, representing the royal colour. It also features iconic geometrical shapes from exterior views of Stadium Negara.

### MALURI



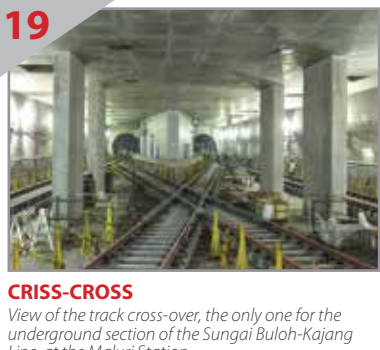
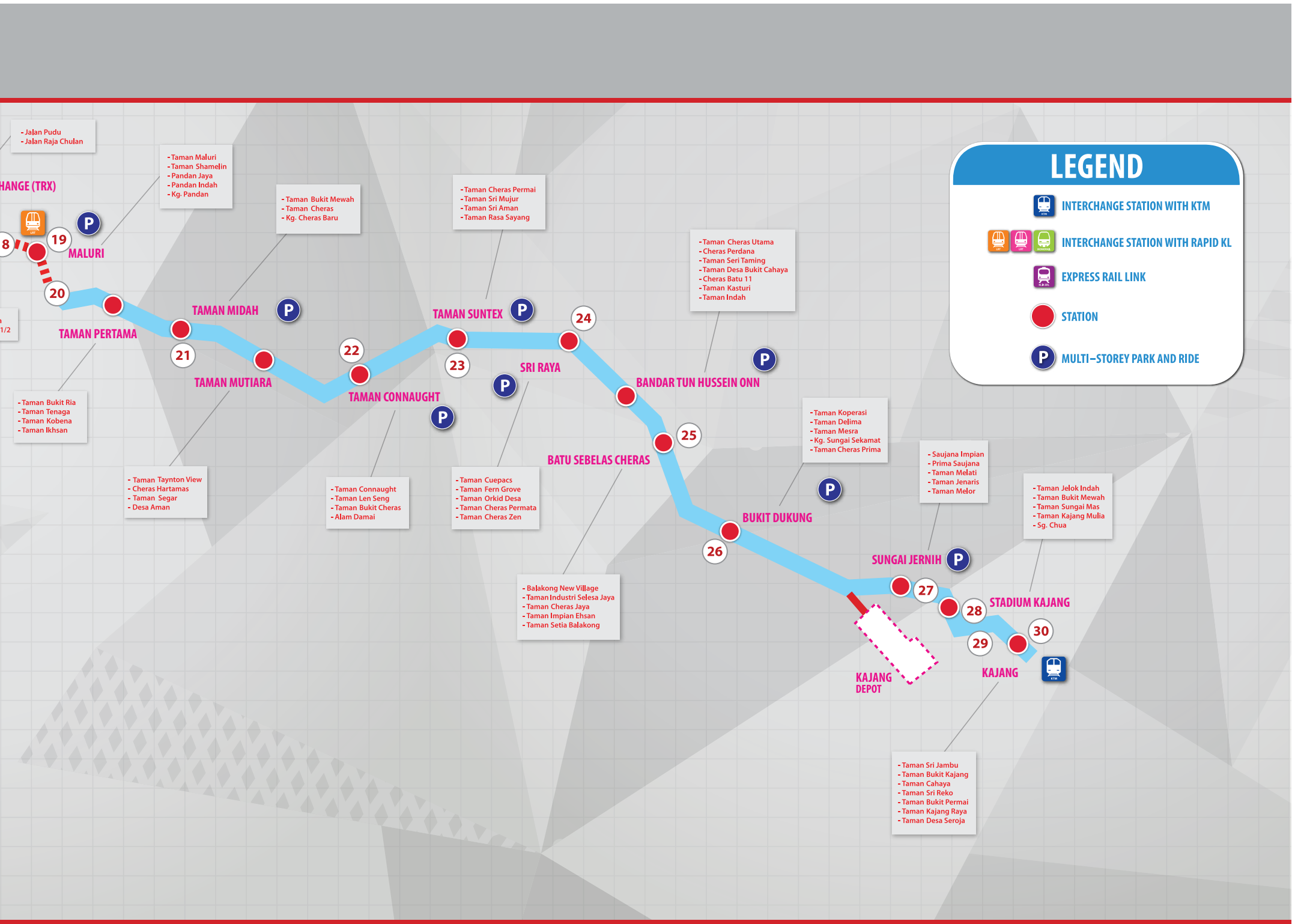
Chia Sen Chung  
Saito College

The "n" Symbol design was inspired by the desire to create a bench of three different colours for the fast-paced "New Generation", the theme of the Maluri MRT Station. The multi-coloured bench will act as a symbolic reminder of how colourful and meaningful life is amidst our busy schedules.











# SEMANTAN STATION RECEIVES VISITORS

By Rizal Redzuan

A DELEGATION from the Implementation Coordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department (ICU JPM) visited the Klang Valley MRT Project on 3 March 2016.

The 25-strong delegation was led by the department's Director General Datuk Seri Ahmad Zaki Ansore. Also present were representatives from the Ministry of Finance.

The visit began with a briefing at Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) Corporate Headquarters about the Project. Before the meeting began, a safety briefing was given by Encik Nor Hadi Kasah from the Standard and Compliance Division of MRT Corp.

Project Director, MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line Mr Marcus Karakashian then briefed the delegation about the SBK Line, highlighting the progress and the various activities which were currently in progress.

He mentioned that the overall progress of the project at that time was 79.85% and 94km out of 107km of train tracks had been completed.

Project Director, MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line, Dato' Amiruddin Ma'aris then presented the latest updates on the newly approved SSP Line.

He informed the delegation that the Government had given its final approval for the SSP Line's Railway Scheme in October last year and that the tender process was in progress at that time. Construction work for the SSP Line was expected to begin in June 2016.

The delegation had many questions for both Karakashian and Amiruddin, including how MRT Corp managed problems and challenges which could have potentially caused the Project to be delayed, and its cost to overrun.

Ahmad Zaki mentioned that it was very good that MRT Corp had managed to ensure that the progress of the Project remained on track, and costs kept within the budget.

The group were then brought to the nearby Semantan Station for a site visit. At the station, they witnessed works which were being carried out, such as the installation of roofing for the entrances and facilities such as escalators and lifts.

From the platform level, they also saw that the platform screen doors had been installed, while trackside works were being completed.



**CLEAR EXPLANATION:** Ahmad Zaki (middle) listening to Karakashian (right) explain about the works being carried out at the Semantan Station.



**SAFETY FIRST:** The delegation listening to the safety briefing at the start of the visit to MRT Corp.



**GOOD PROGRESS:** View of the platform screen doors behind the safety fence at the platform level of the station.

# KEPONG MP, MEDIA BRIEFED ON UPCOMING MRT WORKS

By Wallace Soh Chun Hwei



**INFORMATION:** Tan (right) listening to Adil Putra during the briefing.



**FEEDBACK:** Tan touching on issues regarding the MRT Project when addressing the media.



**DETAILED INFORMATION:** The media listening to Tan.



**ON THE GROUND:** Tan (right) with (from left) MMC Gamuda's Package V202 Project Manager Encik Norzaidi Abdullah, Najmuddin, Adil Putra and MRT Corp Senior Project Manager II Encik Khairul Azhar Samsuddin having a look at the future MRT Project construction site.

MASS Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) conducted a briefing session on the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line for the media and Kepong MP YB Dr Tan Seng Giaw on 3 February 2016.

The briefing session, conducted at a café in Kepong, was carried out as the area would be within the first work packages to be awarded for the SSP Line.

The briefing session was organised with MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (PDP SSP) Sdn Bhd, the Project Delivery Partner (PDP) for the SSP Line.

MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relations Dato' Najmuddin Abdullah opened the briefing session by welcoming Tan and the journalists from various media organisations.

MMC Gamuda Deputy Construction Director Encik Adil Putra Ahmad then took over the session with the presentation of the SSP Line, with particular focus on Kepong. The presentation showed the construction works which was expected to take place in Kepong once construction began.

Other information presented included issues which would be of general concern to the public and the proposed mitigation and preventative measures. These issues were based on information gathered during the SSP Line Railway Scheme Public Inspection exercise which was

held from 15 May 2015 to 17 August 2015.

The journalists were most interested in the timeframe of the construction including the estimated completion time, and the overall estimated costs of the SSP Line.

Tan, who also spoke at the briefing session, called for fair negotiation with the affected stakeholders in the area and "reasonable settlement to the concerns or issues raised."

He also highlighted issues concerning traffic management during the construction period.

"Traffic in Kepong is already congested and with MRT works upcoming, I foresee the situation to worsen. I call on MRT Corp and PDP to formulate an effective traffic management plan to mitigate this issue," he said.

Safety in and around the construction sites was another key concern raised by Tan.

In response, Najmuddin thanked Tan for the feedback given during the briefing session.

"Such briefing sessions are an effective platform for MRT Corp and PDP to obtain feedback and be ready with all preventive measures even before we hit the ground later," he said.

Before the session ended, Tan and the journalists were brought for a short walkabout around the area which would become the MRT worksite in the near future.

# JOINT SITE VISIT TOWARDS RESOLVING FLOODING ISSUE

By Wallace Soh Chun Hwei

KAJANG Assemblyperson Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail visited the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line construction sites at Kampung Sungai Jernih and Kampung Paya at Batu 14 Cheras, both near Kajang, following incidents of flooding there.

Both sites were flood-prone even prior to the MRT Project being in the area. However, the villagers had expressed concerns with the situation following the construction of the Kajang Depot near Kampung Sungai Jernih and had asked for a solution to their problem. They claimed that the river would overflow whenever there was a heavy downpour.

Representatives from Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp), MMC-Gamuda

KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd which is the Project Delivery Partner (PDP) for the SBK Line, and the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) also joined the visit.

During the visit which was held on 22 February 2016, Wan Azizah discovered that part of Sungai Jernih had been filled with domestic waste and the river was stagnant. She immediately instructed the Kajang Municipal Council (MPKJ) to clean up the river.

Wan Azizah also advised for an ad hoc committee consisting of representatives from DID, MPKJ, MRT Corp, PDP and two local village headmen to be formed. The committee would look for a holistic approach to resolve the flooding problem in those areas.

Following the visit, Wan Azizah expressed her gratitude for all parties present.

MRT Corp Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relations Director Dato' Najmuddin Abdullah, who joined the visit, said MRT Corp always insisted on the Work Package Contractors of the Project to adhere to strict Safety, Health and Environment standards.

"Nevertheless, we will also do what we can to help solve any problems when we receive any complaints from the public," he said.

He added that such site visits provided the opportunity for relevant parties to jointly resolve issues faced by the local communities which might be related to the MRT Project.



**BRIEFING:** MMC Gamuda's then Kajang Depot Construction Manager Encik Rus Azlizan Mohd Ali (second from left) briefing Wan Azizah at Sungai Jernih.



# MRT CORP PUSHES FOR INTEGRITY

By Rizal Redzuan



**LEADING BY EXAMPLE:** Shahril (right) leading the MRT Corp Leadership Team to the recital of the Corporate Integrity Pledge during the MRT Integrity Executive Talk programme.

AS the owner of the Klang Valley MRT Project, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) is entrusted with handling public funds used for the development of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang and the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang Putrajaya Lines.

In view of this, MRT Corp places great importance on integrity and good corporate governance in its management of the MRT Project as well as day-to-day running.

MRT Corp has recently taken several steps to further enhance the level of integrity within the organisation with the setting up of an Integrity Unit headed by Dato' Zainal Adam, the former Terengganu State Commissioner with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

The unit had organised several activities for the staff of MRT Corp with the aim of creating awareness and inculcating the culture of integrity and good governance through education, enhancement, prevention, punitive action, recognition and appreciation.

On 28 March 2016, the unit held the first of three sessions of the Integrity Awareness Programme involving the leadership team and selected staff of MRT Corp. During the session, former magistrate Encik Mohd Firdaus Ramlan was invited to give his testimony of how he got involved in corruption and was subsequently convicted and jailed.

Capturing the full attention of the floor, Mohd Firdaus related how from a "high and mighty"



**UTMOST ATTENTION:** The attendees of the inaugural MRT Corp Integrity Executive Talk programme listening to Abu Kassim.



**FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE:** Firdaus explaining to the audience about his personal experience regarding corruption issues.



**IN ACTION:** An MACC player trying to control the ball while being challenged by an MRT Corp player Wan Khairuddin Wan Hitam.



**COVETED:** The inaugural Integrity Cup that was up for grabs during the MRT Corp vs MACC match.

magistrate he ended being an inmate in Kajang Prison.

This was followed by a speech by MACC Chief Commissioner, Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed who talked about the need for integrity and good corporate governance. At the end of his talk, he took questions from the floor.

The reciting of the Corporate Integrity Pledge, led by MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Shahril Mokhtar and the rest of the Leadership Team, then took place with Abu Kassim witnessing.

Shahril also formally appointed Integrity Ambassadors from each of MRT Corp's divisions.

Similar sessions were subsequently held for all MRT Corp staff.

On a less serious note, a football match was also organised as the kick-off match for the MACC's E-League on 26 February 2016. Dubbed the Integrity Cup, the match saw MRT Corp's football team play against a team comprising players from different organisations which worked with the MACC.

The match was held at Padang Pancarona, Putrajaya.

Despite MRT Corp leading the game by scoring first, the opponent proved too strong and defeated MRT Corp with a score of 1-3.

## INTRODUCING THE MRT PROJECT TO SMEs

By Ezreen Siti Juliana

MASS Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) participated in the SME BANK XCESS 2016 workshop which was held at MATRADE Exhibition and Convention Centre on 8 March 2016.

Themed "Dynamic Financing for Business Expansion", the workshop was held to introduce new financing schemes offered by SME Bank to small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs). The financing scheme was also offered to rural communities, micro enterprises and previously disadvantaged individuals.

MRT Corp participated in the workshop as the MRT Project is a government project which supported the participation of SMEs.

MRT Corp Commercial and Land Management Director Dato' Haris Fadzilah Hassan gave a presentation on the procurement strategy for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line, highlighting the opportunities for SMEs to participate in the megaproject.

He also provided information on the value of contracts that were allocated to Bumiputera contractors which would be made available by MRT Corp via the SSP Line.

MRT Corp set up a booth to provide consultation to the participants of the event. MRT Corp staff were on hand to provide general information about the Project as well as what opportunities that were available for SMEs, especially under MRT Corp's Bumiputera Participation programmes.

Visitors to the booth could also collect brochures on the MRT Project as well as copies of MRT News. There were also posters with information about the Project.

The workshop was officially opened by Minister of International Trade and Industry Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed.



**HIGH INTEREST:** Attendees of the SME BANK XPRESS 2016 workshop, enquiring about opportunities that MRT Corp could provide for their business ventures.



**ALL SMILES:** A workshop attendee being attended to by MRT Corp staff at the booth.



**CLEAR EXPLANATION:** Haris providing insights on the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line.



**GOOD TURNOUT:** Attendees of the SME BANK XCESS 2016 workshop listening to the opening remarks by former Minister of International Trade and Industry Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz.

## HAPPENINGS



**SHARING INFORMATION:** The Town and Country Planning Department listening to MRT Corp Sungai Buloh-Serdang Putrajaya Line (SSP Line) Project Director Dato' Amiruddin Ma'aris (right) during a discussion on transit oriented development on 16 February 2016.



**CHECKS:** The National Audit Department, led by Deputy Auditor General, Lt. Kol. (K) Datuk Anwari Suri (eighth from right), visited the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line's Kajang Depot on 16 March 2016.



**INSIGHTFUL:** A delegation from the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) visited Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd on 9 March 2016.



# HOME FOR MRT TRAINS

By Rizal Redzuan



**VAST:** Aerial view of the Sungai Buloh Depot.

FOR any rail system, depots are vital. A depot will be the home for trains when they are not in operation. The depot will also be the place where trains are cleaned, maintained and repaired.

The MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line, the first line of the Klang Valley MRT Project, has two depots. One in Sungai Buloh and another in Kajang. These depots are located at both ends of the alignment of the SBK Line.

The Sungai Buloh Depot is the main depot for the SBK Line. It occupies a vast site with an area of 65 hectares, or 100 football fields, making it the largest depot in Southeast Asia.

The main building in the depot is the Administration building, which houses the Operations Control Centre (OCC). All MRT trains, which are driverless, as well as all other facilities related to the operations of the system are controlled from OCC.

The depot also has two workshops, one for infrastructure maintenance and the other for the maintenance of the rolling stock. The trains are kept in the covered stabling yard when not in operation.

The depot also has facilities catering to the needs of the people working there, such as a childcare centre, surau and cafeteria.

Besides serving the SBK Line, the Sungai Buloh Depot is also designed to cater for the MRT Project's second Line, the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line. The land next to the current depot has been earmarked for this.

Meanwhile, the Kajang Depot near the southern end of the SBK Line is significantly smaller.

Among the facilities at the 12 hectare site is the Rolling Stock Maintenance Office. Much smaller than the one in the Sungai Buloh Depot, the office provides minor maintenance for trains.

An Infrastructure Workshop is also located at the Kajang Depot. The function of this is to provide maintenance services for the work trains.

There is also a back-up Operations Control Room here.

This Kajang Depot's covered train stabling yard can accommodate up to 32 trains. This facility will enable trains which will begin operations from the Kajang station every morning to be stabled here.



**TESTING:** An MRT train on the test track in the Sungai Buloh Depot.



**WORKHORSES:** Work trains in front of the Infrastructure Maintenance Building in the Sungai Buloh Depot which are used for construction and future maintenance of the line.



**NERVE CENTRE:** View of the Operations Control Centre at the Sungai Buloh Depot.



**COMPLETED:** The Administration Building which houses the Operations Control Centre.



**SECOND HOME:** Aerial view of the Kajang Depot.



**ALMOST COMPLETE:** Tracks and the stabling yard in the Kajang Depot.

# SSP LINE WORK PACKAGES AWARDED

By Leong Shen-li

THE first major work packages for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line were awarded during the first quarter of 2016, paving the way for construction to start in the second quarter of the year.

Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp), the project owner of the SSP Line, awarded the first three major work packages of the Project in March, following the final approval of the SSP Line's Railway Scheme by the Government in October last year.

The first of the major work packages to be awarded was for Viaduct Package V202 for the construction of the elevated guideway from Persiaran Dagang in Bandar Sri Damansara, Petaling Jaya to Jinjang, Kuala Lumpur, a distance of 4.5km.

The work package was awarded to Ahmad Zaki Sdn Bhd for a sum of RM1.44 billion.

The second work package to be awarded was for Viaduct Package V201 for the construction of the 4.9km elevated guideway for the SSP Line from Sungai Buloh to Persiaran Dagang, which was awarded to Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd. The contract sum was RM1.21 billion.

The third work package was for Underground Works, encompassing the design, construction and completion of tunnels, underground stations and associated structures for the 13.5km underground section of the SSP Line from

the Jalan Ipoh North Escape Shaft to the Desa Waterpark South Portal.

The contract was awarded to MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd for a sum of RM15.47 billion.

MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Shahril Mokhtar said it was a historic moment that the Project had begun awarding work packages for the SSP Line.

"It is the clearest sign that construction of the Project is truly on the way," he said.

All three companies are not new to MRT Corp and the MRT Project as they were also contractors for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line, the first line of the Klang Valley MRT Project.

Ahmad Zaki was the work package contractor for Package V6 from the Taman Connaught Station in Cheras to the Bandar Tun Hussein Onn Station and Sunway Construction was the work package contractor for Package V4 between Section 17 Petaling Jaya and the Semantan Portal at Jalan Duta. Meanwhile MMC Gamuda was the Underground Works Contractor for the SBK Line.

The awards for the other work packages, which will include those for advance works, the remaining elevated guideway sections, depots, stations, multi-storey park and rides, systems, connectivity, designated suppliers and designated contractors, will follow over the next two years.



**SUCCESSFUL:** Gamuda Bhd Deputy Group Managing Director Dato' Paul Ha (left) and MMC Corporation Bhd Group Managing Director Dato' Sri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh (second from left), both representing MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd, returning the signed Letter of Award for the Underground Works Package to Shahril (second from right). With them are MRT Corp SSP Line Project Director Dato' Amiruddin Ma'aris (right) and Gamuda Bhd Executive Director Dato' Azmi Mat Nor (third from left).